Renovation/restoration of Red Fort

1523. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated cost of renovation/restoration work being undertaken at Red Fort;

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the historic stature of the Fort will be retained or altered; and

(d) what special features of the Fort are being upgraded or renovated?

THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Flood projection programme

1524. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal for undertaking flood projection programme in 27 districts of the State for approval of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the response of the Central Government to the proposal and the time-frame for releasing the required funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A Master Plan for flood protection (river bank erosion) work in Karnataka amounting to Rs. 183.29 crore covering 27 nos. districts was received in Central Water Commission in September, 2002 from the Government of Karnataka. The plan was examined in Central Water Commission & comments were sent to the State Government for compliance in February 2003, the response to which is awaited.

Constitution of Krishna Water Tribunal

1525. DR. AKHILESHDAS:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three member Krishna Water Tribunal has lately been constituted; if so, what are the details of its constitution and terms of reference;

(b) whether the tribunal has been given a period of three years to complete its work, with a two year grace period; and

(c) if so, how it reconciles with the projected inter-linking of the country's major rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The Central Government decided on 23rd August, 2003 for constitution of a Tribunal under Inter-State RiverWater Disputes Act, 1956 for adjudication of the dispute relating to Krishna waters. As per the said Act, the Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and two other Members nominated in this behalf by the Chief Justice of India from among persons who at theiitne of such nomination are Judges of the Supreme Court or of a High Court. The Chief Justice of India has been requested to nominate suitable serving Judges accordingly. The Act also provides that theTribunal shall submit its report within three years of its constitution, which can be extended for further period of two years. The Tribunal will adjudicate the issues raised by the basin States in their complaints.

Loss to lives and properties by surplus water

†1526. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN[1]:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many rivers in the country cause tremendous loss to lives and properties every year during the rainy season by surplus water;

(b) if so, the details of such rivers and the average loss of lives and properties caused thereby every year; and

(c) the States affected by the losses caused by the said rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some rivers in the country cause loss to lives and properties during the monsoon season. These are Ganga and its tributaries; Brahmaputra and its tributaries; Subarnarekha; Baitarani; Brahmani; Mahanadi; Godavari and Narmada. State-wise list of average damages caused by floods is given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.